

MINUTES
City of Niagara
Regular City Council Meeting
Monday, April 19, 2021
4:45 P.M.
Niagara City Hall
1029 Roosevelt Road
Niagara, WI 54151

The meeting was called to order at 4:45 p.m. by Mayor George Bousley. Present: Aldermen Lynn Burke, Dan Decker, Joe Johnston, Glenn Lantagne, Don Shampo; Public Works Coordinator JJ Coppens; Administrator/Clerk/Treasurer Audrey Fredrick; Police Chief Angie Moreau, Police Officer Todd Rochon

Also present: Marinette County Administrator John Lefebvre; Curt Witynski, Deputy Executive Director of the League of Wisconsin Municipalities (via Zoom); Rose Bousley, Tracy Coppens, Lisa Mattia, Karen Klenke

Excused: Alderman Mike Darne

A motion was made by Alderman Decker to approve the agenda after recommending the removal of agenda item 22 – *Set Next Meeting Date*, as this will be determined at the Reorganizational Meeting on April 20, 2021. Alderman Johnston seconded the motion to approve the agenda with the change. Motion carried.

Public Appearances:

Curt Witynski, Deputy Executive Director of the League of Wisconsin Municipalities, appeared via Zoom format to thank Mayor Bousley for his years of service. He congratulated the Mayor on his retirement and gave remarks of gratitude.

Marinette County Administrator John Lefebvre stated that the Mayor was a great mentor, and provided significant support to the County. Mr. Lefebvre then presented Mayor Bousley and Mrs. Rose Bousley with a street sign, announcing that Tyler Road north of Washington Avenue has been renamed “Bousley Parkway” in their honor.

A motion was made by Alderman Lantagne and seconded by Alderman Burke to approve the minutes from the Regular City Council meeting March 24, 2021. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Alderman Decker and seconded by Alderman Shampo to pre-approve the bills for May 2021. Motion carried.

The reports were reviewed. Alderman Lantagne moved to approve the reports as presented. Alderman Burke seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Reports from department heads or elected officials:

- Police Chief Moreau
 - Area police, fire and rescue personnel participated in “Mass Casualty Incident” training, which was funded by a grant from the M and M Foundation.
 - The Police Department received a reimbursement from the League of Wisconsin Municipalities insurance company to cover \$2,500.00 of the \$2,800.00 annual Lexipol cost.

Alderman Shampo moved to accept the resignation of Alderman Joe Johnston, effective April 19, 2021 at 11:59 pm. Alderman Johnston will be sworn in as Mayor on April 20, 2021. Alderman Burke seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Administrator Fredrick provided an update to the Community Development Block Grant. There will be a public informational meeting on April 29 at 6:00 p.m. Residents impacted by the sidewalk portion of the project have been notified by mail. Bids are due on May 13, 2021 and will be opened publically at City Hall at 2:00 p.m. on that date. A motion was made by Alderman Decker to accept the report. Alderman Lantagne seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Alderman Decker moved to add Mayor-elect Joseph Johnston to the accounts at mBank, Forward Financial Credit Union and Stephenson National Bank to replace outgoing Mayor George Bousley. Mayor Bousley's name will be removed from the accounts. Alderman Lantagne seconded the motion, Motion carried.

A motion was made by Alderman Shampo and seconded by Alderman Burke to establish a savings account at mBank for the deposit and tracking of American Rescue Plan Act funds. Motion carried.

Alderman Decker moved to approve Resolution 04-19-2021 *Support for a Strong State and Local Partnership – Shared Revenue Funds Critical Services*. Administrator Fredrick explained that municipalities are being urged to reach out to the State Finance Committee to enforce the need for shared revenue funding. Alderman Shampo seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken, with all present voting "AYE". Motion carried.

A motion was made by Alderman Decker to set the date for the annual Board of Review for Wednesday, May 19, 2021 from 5:00 – 7:00 p.m. Alderman Lantagne seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Alderman Lantagne moved to approve an operator's license for Randy Dessart. Alderman Decker seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Alderman Shampo moved to approve an operator's license for Teah Wright. Alderman Lantagne seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Administrator Fredrick presented the Administrative Report:

- The Public Service Commission lifted the moratorium on utility shutoffs effective April 15, 2021. Disconnection letters were sent to 102 customers, resulting in 22 disconnection tags being hung.

Alderman Decker moved to accept the Administrative report as presented. Alderman Lantagne seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Public Works Coordinator Coppens provided the Water Report and Sewer Report:

- A recent power bump caused a minor backup with the pumps.
- A line going to the Heights area will need to be cleaned.
- Public Works is looking at the possibility of placing a backflow valve near 801 Roosevelt Road.

Alderman Shampo moved to accept the Water and Sewer report as presented. Alderman Johnston seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Committee Reports:

- Public Works:
 - Public Works Coordinator Coppens met with the State highway project engineer to review items that need attention from the 2020 Department of Transportation project. Manholes will need to be modified, areas will need to be reseeded and some shutoffs will be blown out.
- Park and Recreation:
 - Alderman Shampo has been working with Brian Diel and Zawada Construction on placing a bathroom at Memorial Park. The most recent plans include a self-contained toilet that can be pumped. It will be enclosed in a structure that is handicapped accessible. The area needs to be determined.
- Beautification
 - Sales of raffle tickets and shirts are steady.

Mayor George Bousley thanked the past and present Council and employees. He expressed his confidence that Mayor-elect Joe Johnston will do a good job.

Mayor Bousley asked Marinette County Administrator Lefebvre to make a statement. Mr. Lefebvre informed the Council that the County will take over three tax-delinquent properties. Two parcels will be razed and the city will be given ownership of the parcels. The third property has had the home remodeled and will be sold.

There being no further business, a motion was made by Alderman Burke and seconded by Alderman Lantagne to adjourn. Motion carried.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:27 p.m.